

In re application of:
Geoffrey B. Rhoads
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For: METHODS FOR INSERTING AND
DETECTING WATERMARKS IN
DIGITAL DATA

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Examiner: M. Smithers
Date: August 7, 2006

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

We appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Smithers during telephone conversations with applicant's representative, Steve Stewart, on August 4 and 7, 2006.

During the first conversation applicant's representative generally discussed the claim amendments as presented above and how, upon entry of this amendment, the application seems poised for a recommendation to the Board for an interference with U.S. Patent No. 5,889,868 (Moskowitz patent).

During that call we also discussed that we are considering whether to request a suspension of action to allow prosecution of continuation application no. 11/458,639, filed July 19, 2006. The 11/458,639 application includes copied claims restricted out of this application, which were originally copied from the Moskowitz patent and from U.S. Published Patent Application No. US 2001-0029580 A1 (Moskowitz Application). The Examiner and Applicant's representative agreed to consider such a request and consult again.

During the August 7th conversation Applicant's representative stated that we believe that Applicant is entitled to the priority as claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, as at least demonstrated in our Response of January 10, 2005. The Examiner indicated that he did not have any questions regarding the priority claim. (This Application claims priority to dates before the priority date of the Moskowitz patent.)

Applicant's representative invited the Examiner to call with any questions.


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Respectfully submitted,

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